

## **H1N1 Guidance for Mobile Assistance Vehicle Technicians**

Mobility Assistance Vehicle (MAV) technicians provide medically necessary transportation. Their occupation involves contact with patients and therefore, they are considered healthcare personnel identified as a priority group for H1N1 vaccination.

It is recommended that:

- MAV providers contact their county/local health departments or local hospital for vaccination. Pharmacies and physician offices may also be a source for vaccination.
- MAV provider agencies review the signs and symptoms of influenza with all staff, as well as reinforce the use of appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).
- All MAV provider agencies review the CDC October 14, 2009, Interim Guidance on Infection Control Measures for 2009 H1N1 Influenza in Healthcare settings, Including Protection for Healthcare Personnel.
- All MAV vehicles are stocked with gloves, gowns and facemasks.
- All MAV technicians are supplied with fit-tested disposable N-95 respirators.

In addition, it is recommended that all MAV provider agencies develop policies and procedures to address the following:

- Recognition of the signs and symptoms of influenza
- Use of PPE during transportation
- Placement of facemasks on patients with influenza symptoms during transport
- Disinfection of vehicles, equipment and surfaces
- The Importance of hand hygiene before, during and after patient contact
- Reporting influenza symptoms to the receiving facility
- A sick policy for employees with influenza symptoms